

## Land Use and Resource Management Plan (LURMP) Update

### Background

The Delta Protection Act of 1992 formed the Delta Protection Commission and required it to prepare, adopt, review, and maintain a comprehensive long-term resource management plan for land uses within the primary zone. The first Land Use and Resource Management Plan for the Primary Zone of the Delta (LURMP) was adopted by the Commission in 1995. A revised LURMP was initiated in 2008 and adopted by the Commission in February 2010. Since that update, the 2009 Delta legislation has been implemented (creation of Delta Stewardship Council and adoption of Delta Plan being the most relevant actions) and the context for the LURMP has changed.

Commission staff continue to advance work on the update of the Commission's Land Use and Resource Management Plan (LURMP). Staff held a workshop with County planners in 2017, shared an early draft of goals and policies with DPAC in August 2017, and the Commission appointed a subcommittee at its September 2017 meeting. Commission staff initiated tribal consultation in October 2017, and held several small group meetings on topic areas earlier in 2018. A draft Land Use and Resource Management Plan is nearly ready for public review.

### Overview of LURMP

The LURMP describes the needs and goals for the Delta and presents a statement of the policies, standards, and elements of the plan. The five Delta Counties are required to make their general plans consistent with the LURMP as it relates to lands in the primary zone; the Commission ensures that local government general plans are consistent with the LURMP.

Public Resources Code section 29760 identifies 14 areas that the LURMP is required to address:

- (1) Protect and preserve the cultural values and economic vitality that reflect the history, natural heritage, and human resources of the delta.
- (2) Conserve and protect the quality of renewable resources.
- (3) Preserve and protect agricultural viability.
- (4) Restore, improve, and manage levee systems by promoting strategies, including, but not limited to, methods and procedures which advance the adoption and implementation of coordinated and uniform standards among governmental agencies for the maintenance, repair, and construction of both public and private levees.
- (5) Preserve and protect delta dependent fisheries and their habitat.
- (6) Preserve and protect riparian and wetlands habitat, and promote and encourage a net increase in both the acreage and values of those resources on public lands and through voluntary cooperative arrangements with private property owners.
- (7) Preserve and protect the water quality of the delta, both for instream purposes and for human use and consumption.
- (8) Preserve and protect open-space and outdoor recreational opportunities.
- (9) Preserve and protect private property interests from trespassing and vandalism.
- (10) Preserve and protect opportunities for controlled public access and use of public lands and waterways consistent with the protection of natural resources and private property interests.

- (11) Preserve, protect, and maintain navigation.
- (12) Protect the delta from any development that results in any significant loss of habitat or agricultural land.
- (13) Promote strategies for the funding, acquisition, and maintenance of voluntary cooperative arrangements, such as conservation easements, between property owners and conservation groups that protect wildlife habitat and agricultural land, while not impairing the integrity of levees.
- (14) Permit water reservoir and habitat development that is compatible with other uses.

In addition, the statute requires the Commission to include a coordinated marine patrol system in the LURMP, in consultation with all law enforcement agencies having jurisdiction in the Delta.

### Structure of the Revised LURMP

Commission staff is proposing that the LURMP update have a slightly different layout and structure than the existing LURMP. This includes adding findings and recommendations to each section, and updating the section titles (including Legacy Communities as a section; expanding/renaming the levees section to flood protection; removing water as a section but incorporating water-related items in the agriculture and utilities/infrastructure sections).

Existing LURMP Element Categories	Proposed LURMP Element Categories
Agriculture	Agriculture (including water)
Levees	Flood Protection
Water	
Land Use	Legacy Communities
Natural Resources	Natural Resources
Recreation and Access: Including Marine Patrol, Boater Education, and Safety Programs	Recreation
Utilities and Infrastructure	Utilities and Infrastructure (including water)

### Next Steps

Commission staff expect that a draft update of the LURMP will be available in November. Staff propose working with DPAC to convene public meetings in the Delta to receive input on the draft LURMP. Both DPAC comments and public meeting comments will inform a revised version of the draft LURMP, which we hope to bring before the Commission for consideration in early 2019. Once adopted by the Commission, staff will prepare regulations through the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) process.